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Subject: HB 79 is the Right Solution

Hello Chuck,

My name is Brett Pierson. I'm a life-long Alaskan resident, born 1957 in the Territory of Alaska. This email overwhelmingly supports HB79 Public Safety retirement program.

The current Tier IV is an ongoing failure to attract and retain Public Safety employees. The State is repetitively recruiting these valuable employees only to lose them after they receive expensive training and experience added to their resume paid for by Alaska. The enormous expense of training will continue to be repeated unless changes are made. Alaska is no longer a competitive recruiter for Public Safety Servants.

These first responders put their life and health on the line everyday 24/7 providing Alaska residents a high standard of services for the community and Alaska residents. Following years of service, many servants carry insidious medical and health problems.

There is a cost related to SB79 but, lack of action will only drive Alaska's expenses up in the long term.

HB 79 is a positive step to mitigate the revolving door and save Alaska money in the long haul for the Public Safety service we so desperately need.

I am urging the House Finance Committee, without delay, to continue to progress HB79 through the legislative process.

Regards,

Brett Pierson